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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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 - sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

- the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:

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- the claims:

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 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: WO 01141041
 D2: JP 2000163531 abstract
 D3: US 6325285
 D4: GB 2054178
 D5: US 5886334
 D6: US 5913542

The invention relates to a method and an arrangement for producing an ID or a like document where a photograph is produced in digital form and copied into the document. The scope of the invention is to provide the document with further information of the person whom the ID document shall belong to in the form of a facial recognition image.

D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant prior art, describes a method and an arrangement for producing an ID document or the like where a photo shall be included in the ID document. The photo is produced in digital form and transferred for direct copying into the document. According to document D1 there also is utilised a signature pad where a signature can be written and transferred digitally to the ID document. The ID document can also be furnished with a micro chip for storing of information.

D2 describes a production and identification system for ID cards. The users face is photographed and at the same time his fingerprint is registered. The fingerprint is recorded in an IC chip on the ID card. To get a secure identification when

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Supplemental Box

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the ID card is used the photo is compared with the users looks at the same time as the fingerprint is registered and compared with the one stored in the IC chip.

D3 describes a smart card with coded individual data describing e.g. the users fingerprint, iris, face etc (see claims 1-14 and column 9, lines 60-64).

The invention according to new claims 1 and 8 differs from D1 in that additional information about the face of an owner of an ID card is produced in digital form and transferred to be incorporated in the ID card in digital form.

The invention according to new claims 1 and 8 is not considered obvious for a person skilled in the art by knowing D1 and any of the other cited documents D2-D6.

Therefore, the invention according to claims 1-13 is new and considered to involve an inventive step and to have industrial applicability.